

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1354

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA District 2-2A championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School girls' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of admiration by winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) District 2-2A championship; and

WHEREAS, capturing the program's first district title since 2018, the Lady Highlanders landed a resounding 53-38 victory over Alcoa High School; and

WHEREAS, senior Molly McCarter opened the game by sinking a shot from behind the three-point arc, ultimately contributing seven total points to Gatlinburg-Pittman's final tally; sophomore Maddy Newman led scoring overall with twenty, while senior Kayle Yates added fifteen; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newman was named district regular-season and tournament Most Valuable Player, and Ms. Yates and Ms. McCarter, along with senior Lily Stinnett and sophomore Leah Stinnett, received All-Tournament honors; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Highlanders' superb victory may not have been possible without the stellar leadership of their head coach, Katie Moore; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School girls' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School girls' basketball team on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA District 2-2A championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.